

1 MR. CLOQUET: My name is Don Cloquet, C-l-o-q-u-e-t. I'm a board member of the Las Vegas Indian Center, Las Vegas, Nevada and former Chairman of the Board of Small Tribes and Organizations of Western Washington, former chairman of the American Indian Aboriginal Association. And I'd just like to make a brief comment in regards to -- I'm speaking for myself, not for the Indian Center. I am all for the no-action alternative. And I'd like to read it. Under the no-action alternative, I suggest the DOE in site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain give sight to convincing us that the commercial nuclear power utilities, that DOE would continue to store that nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, because it would be highly speculative to attempt to predict future events. DOE decided to illustrate one set of possibilities by focusing its analysis of no-action alternative on the potential impact of two scenarios.

I suggest that spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste should remain subject to commercial and five DOE sites, other institutional control for at least ten thousand years. And this is verbatim out of the book.

Scenario two, I assume -- to assume that spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste would remain at the seventy-seven sites -- but under this control for only about one hundred years. This scenario assumes no control of the stored spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste after one hundred years.

2 DOE recognizes, and I recognize, that either scenario would be likely if there were the decision not to develop the repository at Yucca Mountain, which I'm totally against. I'm against building the repository at Yucca Mountain.

3 However, they are part of the EIS analysis to provide a baseline for comparison to the proposed action. There are a number of possibilities that the nation could pursue, including continued storage of the material at its current locations or at more centralized locations. The study and selection of other locations or deep geological repository, development of new technology, and I brought this up at a short question and answer period last Monday evening, or reconsideration of the disposal to occur through deep geological disposal.

However, any of these potential actions are speculative and a deal we, therefore, did not evaluate in the EIS.

Under any future course that would include continued storage, both commercial and DOE sites have an obligation to continue managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in a manner that protects the public health and safety and the Native American tribes of our United States.

And with that, I have documents here that I wish to present to the DOE. In addition be assured there will be more coming from me. And I have my e-mail address, my home address.

Thank you.

MR. ARNOLD: Bertha, if you'd like to say something, you can do that. You can pass at this time. It's totally up to you. It doesn't matter.